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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen would respectfully submit the following report of the financial affairs of the town for the year ending March 1st, 1887.

The invoice of April 1st, 1886, was as follows :

Number of Polls, 91,	Value	\$9,100 00
“ “ Horses, 91,	“	7,165 00
“ “ Oxen, 39,	“	2,339 00
“ “ Cows, 160,	“	4,424 00
“ “ Neat Stock, 43,	“	916 00
“ “ Sheep, 482,	“	1,372 00
“ “ Hogs, 1,	“	6 00
“ “ Carriages, 5,	“	344 00
Stock in Banks and other corporations in the State,		500 00
Money at Interest,		5,993 00
Stock in Trade,		1,740 00
Mills and Factories,		5,700 00
Wood,		500 00
Real Estate, 17,600 acres,		110,556 00
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		\$150,655 00
Amount of Dog Tax,		23 00
Rate per cent. for all purposes,		1 88

LIABILITIES.

Note at Savings Bank,	\$1,000 00
Order in Treasurer's hands for John Rutherford,	25 00
Two sheep killed by dogs,	8 00

ASSETS.

Due from the County,	\$15 00
Uncollected taxes of 1883,	2 90
" " 1885,	3 46
" " 1886,	382 63
Cash in Treasury,	431 65
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	\$835 64

FOR SCHOOLS.

Literary money in Treasury,	\$73 60
Railroad tax,	1 71
Money due Munsonville District,	17 99
Collected Highway Receipts of 1885,	34 98
" " " 1886,	229 92

DISBURSEMENTS.

ORDERS ON TOWN TREASURER.

Paid interest on note at Savings Bank,	\$ 55 64
" " " "	54 00
On principal Savings Bank note,	800 00
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	\$909 64

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid County tax,	\$312 37
State tax,	344 00
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	\$656 37

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Overseer of the poor,	\$52 04
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SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid F. K. Jewett for record book,	\$ 1 35
Board of Education,	766 97
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	\$768 32

REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid P. Donahoe,	\$29 55
O. D. Beverstock,	8 35
W. O. Upton,	7 70
J. E. Ruffle,	4 65
" " "	4 02
M. M. Bailey,	21 10
" " "	7 50
A. Davis,	6 20
" "	5 30
H. D. Taylor,	16 40
O. C. Tolman,	14 70
E. A. Tarbox,	14 35
W. Stoddard,	12 99
N. W. Hardy,	22 29
H. Yardley,	7 76
G. S. Kingsbury, on "Line bridge,"	5 30
W. W. Atwood,	45
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	\$188 61

BRIDGE PLANK.

Paid P. Donahoe	\$ 4 27
H. D. Taylor,	5 17
O. C. Tolman,	4 70
J. H. Osgood,	18 00
M. M. Bailey,	11 25
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	\$43 39

BREAKING ROADS 1886-7.

Paid H. H. Stevens,	\$ 3 45
F. B. Hardy,	1 05
J. E. Ruffle,	6 90
M. M. Bailey,	7 20
F. K. Jewett,	2 17
O. C. Tolman,	1 20
N. W. Hardy,	9 82
W. Stoddard,	4 98
" "	20 00
G. N. Robbins,	8 02
A. Davis,	8 30
C. A. Tarbox,	3 97
J. E. Ruffle,	6 63
A. Gonthier,	10 35
O. D. Beverstock,	12 65
M. M. Bailey,	13 55
W. O. Upton,	15 80
N. W. Hardy,	9 06
O. C. Tolman,	10 50
H. Yardley,	4 20
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	\$159 80

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Dr. McIntire for vaccinating,	\$25 00
J. D. Colony & Sons, for printing town reports,	17 00
W. B. F. Rowe, damage on highway,	1 00
Selectmen, appraising school houses and settling same,	15 00
F. K. Jewett, town officer book,	2 50
W. H. Spalter, appointment blanks, books and town officer,	7 13
S. A. Green, powder and fuse,	39
O. C. Tolman, damage on plow,	2 00

J. H. Osgood, coffin for S. Fay,	4 50
“ “ “ Repairing scraper,	20 00
Town of Harrisville, balance due on school houses,	1 07
Town of Stoddard, balance due on school houses,	8 08
N. G. Woodbury & Co., 2 coffins,	9 00
Selectmen perambulating Antrim and Stoddard town lines,	6 00
S. A. Green, 12 check lists,	2 40
H. D. Taylor, check lists,	60
“ “ use of drills	40
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	\$122 07

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid A. Davis, auditor,	\$ 2 00
F. K. Jewett, town clerk,	18 92
W. W. Atwood, selectman,	18 00
M. M. Bailey, “	35 00
T. W. Barker, “	43 75
A. Davis, board of education,	7 75
J. H. Osgood, “ “	10 00
J. H. Scott, “ “	38 00
S. A. Green, supervisor,	3 00
G. W. Osgood, “	3 50
J. H. Osgood, “	1 50
F. Taylor, treasurer,	8 00
“ “ overseer of the poor,	5 00
O. D. Beverstock, collector of taxes,	25 00
C. A. Tarbox, sexton,	15 00
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	\$234 42

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid V. C. Atwood's book, 1885,	7 46
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O. D. Beverstock's book, 1886,	11 88
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	\$19 34

RECAPITULATION.

Town officers,	\$234 42
School money expended,	768 32
Repairing highways and bridges,	188 61
Bridge plank,	43 39
Breaking roads,	159 80
Note and interest,	909 64
State and County tax,	656 37
Support of poor,	52 04
Miscellaneous expenses,	122 07
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	\$3,134 66

THADDEUS W. BARKER,	} Selectmen of Nelson.
MARCUS M. BAILEY,	
WINSLOW W. ATWOOD.	

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in the Treasury, March 1st, 1886,	\$ 475 18
Received of V. C. Atwood, taxes of 1885,	506 53
“ “ “ Interest,	17 45
“ “ O. D. Beverstock, taxes 1886,	1,886 32
“ “ “ Interest,	2 21
“ “ State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,	581 50
“ “ Literary fund,	73 60
“ “ Railroad tax,	1 71
“ “ Tax on Dogs,	24 00
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	\$3,568 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid by order of Selectmen, Support of Poor,	\$ 52 04
Interest on Savings Bank Note,	109 64
“ “ “ “	800 00
County tax,	312 37
State “	344 00
Support of Schools,	766 97
Services of School house,	55 75
Selectmen,	96 75
Town Clerk,	18 92
Overseer of Poor,	5 00
Town Treasurer,	8 80
All other orders,	567 48
Balance in the Treasury, March 1st, 1887.	431 65
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	\$3568 77

F. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

DR.

Apr. 9, 1886,	Received of County Treasurer,	\$ 30 73
Oct. 18,	" " " " " "	39 91
Feb. 1887,	" " Town " "	52 04

 \$122 68

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Apr. 2, 1886,	Paid Arvilla Holt,	\$4 00
" " " "	Dr. McIntire, medical attendance upon George Dore,	5 80
" " " "	paid S. A. Green, goods furnished George Dore and family.	7 65
June 17 " "	Arvilla Holt,	10 00
July 20, " "	J. D. Cutter, meat furnished J. Swinington,	1 96
" " " "	For medical attendance upon J. Swinington, by Dr. Pierce,	14 00
" 24, " "	S. A. Green, goods furnished J. Swinington,	4 60
Aug. 23, " "	Expenses of Mrs. Mills at the N. H. Asylum for the Insane,	30 39
Sept. 23, " "	Arvilla Holt,	10 00
Oct. 18, " "	" " " "	1 00
Feb. 14, 1887, paid	" " " "	15 00
" " " "	Expenses of Mrs. Mills at the N. H. Asylum,	10 00

 \$122 68

Respectfully submitted.

F. TAYLOR, Overseer of the Poor.

I hereby certify that I have examined the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Overseer of poor and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ALBERT DAVIS, Auditor

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NELSON.

Your School Board would respectfully submit to you the following report of the progress and condition of your schools for the year ending March 1, 1887.

SCHOOL No. 1.—Spring term. This school was taught by Miss Carrie E. Hardy, and continued nine weeks. Whole number of different pupils attending school two or more weeks, 28. Average number of pupils belonging to school, 25. Average daily attendance, 23. Attended to reading, 28; to spelling, 27; to penmanship, 15; to grammar, 4; to history 4; to arithmetic, 15; to composition, 10.

Miss Hardy is a live teacher, and her efforts being met on the part of the scholars with the heartiest cooperation resulted in making the school a complete success.

Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$26.

Fall term. This school was taught by Miss Hattie J. Newton of Surry, and continued ten weeks. Whole number of different pupils attending school two weeks or more, 31. Average number belonging to school, 28. Average daily attendance, 26. Attended to reading, 31; to spelling, 23; to arithmetic, 31; to geography, 12; to grammar, 3; to history, 6.

Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$34.

Winter term. Was taught by Miss Newton. Length of school in weeks, six. Whole number of different pupils attending school two weeks or more, 18. Average number of pupils belonging to school, 16. Average daily attend-

ance. 14. Attending to reading, 18; to spelling, 18; to penmanship, 18; to arithmetic, 18; to geography, 14; to grammar, 3; to history, 2.

Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$34.

Miss Newton came to this school highly recommended as a teacher, having taught some ten terms previous to this, and had attended the State Normal school three years. There was a falling off in attendance toward the close of this term which caused us to cut the school two weeks short of what we intended it to be.

SCHOOL No. 2.—Spring term. This school was taught by Mary L. Russell of Windsor, and continued nine weeks. Whole number of different pupils attending more than two weeks, 24. Average number of pupils belonging to school, 21. Average daily attendance, 20. Attending to reading, 24; to spelling, 24; to penmanship, 22; to arithmetic, 20; to geography, 11; to grammar, 12; to composition, 13; to physiology, 6; to algebra, 3.

Wages of teachers per month, including board, \$30.

Fall term. Was taught by same teacher and continued 11 weeks. Whole number of different pupils, 29. Average number of pupils belonging to school, 28. Average daily attendance, 27. Attended to reading, 29; to spelling, 29; to penmanship, 25; to arithmetic, 25; to geography, 19; to grammar, 13; to composition, 25; to physiology, 7; to algebra, 4; to geometry, 2; to philosophy, 1.

Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$32.

Winter term. Was under the charge of the same teacher. Length of school, eight weeks. Whole number of different pupils attending school two or more weeks, 32. Average number of pupils belonging to school, 27. Average daily attendance, 25. Attending to reading, 30; to spelling, 30; to penmanship, 24; to arithmetic, 28; to geography, 18; to

grammar, 14; to history, 7; to physiology, 3; to algebra, 4; to geometry, 2; to philosophy, 1.

Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$32.

Miss Russell is a thorough teacher, and her untiring efforts to impart that instruction to her pupils for which she was employed was crowned with success. Yet with all her painstaking your committee was obliged to shorten the school one week on account of the larger scholars withdrawing from school.

SCHOOL No. 3.—Spring term. This school was taught by Miss Gertrude E. Tolman. Length of school in weeks, eight. Whole number of different pupils attending school not less than two weeks, eight. Average number belonging to the school, eight. Average daily attendance, six. Attending to reading, 6; to spelling, 8; to penmanship, 8; to arithmetic, 7; to geography, 4; to grammar, 1; to composition, 6; to physiology, 1.

Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20.

Fall term. Was under the charge of the same teacher. Number of weeks, 14. Whole number of different pupils, seven. Average number of pupils belonging to the school, seven. Average daily attendance, 6.1. Attending to reading, 6; to spelling, 7; to penmanship, 7; to arithmetic, 6; to geography, 4; to grammar, 1; to composition, 7; to physiology, 1.

Miss Tolman is a teacher of much experience, and her success in this school fully sustained her former reputation.

Wages per month, including board, \$20.

SCHOOL No. 4.—Spring term. There was but one school (the scholars attending the fall and winter terms in districts No. 1 and 2.) taught by Miss Sarah E. Osgood. Length of school in weeks, eight. Number of different pupils attending school two weeks or more, eight. Average number of

pupils belonging to school. 7.78. Average daily attendance, 7.65. Number attending to reading, 8; to spelling, 8; to penmanship, 8; to arithmetic, 6; to geography, 6; to grammar, 2.

Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20.

Miss Osgood gave her whole attention to her pupils and did her best to make her school a success.

SCHOOL No. 5.—Spring term. Was taught by Miss Elwidge E. Brooks. Length of school in weeks, seven. Whole number of different pupils attending school more than two weeks, 4. Average number of pupils belonging to school, 25. Average daily attendance, 2.4. Number attending to reading, 4; to spelling, 4; to arithmetic, 3.

Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$10.

This school was much the smallest in town, and Miss Brooks did her best to interest her scholars in their studies.

SCHOOL No. 6.—Spring term. This term was in charge of Miss Ellen C. Downing of Marlow, and continued eight weeks. Whole number of different pupils attending school two or more weeks, 10. Average number belonging to school, nine. Average daily attendance, nine. Whole number attending to reading, 10; to spelling, 10; to penmanship, 8; to arithmetic, 8; to geography, 6; to grammar, 1; to composition, 3; to physiology, 2.

Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20.

Miss Downing done her best as an instructor and order in in this school was perhaps the best in town.

Fall term. Was under the instruction of Miss Elizabeth M. Cass of Keene. Length of school in weeks, 12. Whole number of different pupils attending school two or more weeks, 10. Average number belonging to school, nine. Average daily attendance, nine. Attending to reading, 8; to spelling 9; to penmanship, 7; to arithmetic, 8; to

geography, 5 ; to grammar, 2 ; to history, 1 ; to composition, 1 ; to physiology, 2.

Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$22.

This was Miss Cass' first school and her success was such as to justify us in saying that if she makes teaching her profession she will soon become one of our best teachers.

ROLL OF HONOR.

SCHOOL NO. 1.

SPRING TERM.—Mabel Atwood, Florence Osgood, Della Ruffle, George H. Osgood, Linwood Howe.

FALL TERM.—George H. Osgood, Florence Osgood, Linwood Howe.

WINTER TERM.—Florence Osgood, George H. Osgood.

SCHOOL NO. 2.

SPRING TERM.—Millie Barrows, Jessie Greene, Carlotta Messenger, Oscar Beverstock, Herbert Beverstock, Charles Beverstock. Walter Barrett, Bertie Barrett, Fred Fisher, Harry Robbins.

FALL TERM.—Millie Barrows, Lida L. Davis, Fannie Hardy, Katie A. Page, Althea E. Page, Cora E. Russell, Walter Barrett, Charles P. Fisher, Fred B. Tarbox, Frank Taylor.

WINTER TERM.—Lida L. Davis, Althea E. Page, Katie A. Page, Bertie Barrett.

SCHOOL NO. 4.

Lida L. Davis, Althea E. Page, Katie A. Page, Bessie Barker, Frank Taylor, Thomas Lahiff.

SCHOOL NO. 6.

SPRING TERM.—Addie E. Bailey, Lena M. Bailey, Mabel A. Stevens, Susie H. Stevens, Bertie A. Crocker.

FALL TERM.—Mabel A. Stevens, Susie H. Stevens, Ethel M. Crocker.

ROLL OF HONOR FOR THE YEAR.

Florence Osgood, Lida L. Davis, Althea E. Page, Katie

A. Page, Alice H. Rowe. Della J. Carrier, Grace E. M. Tolman, Mabel A. Stevens, Susie H. Stevens, George H. Osgood, Wayland P. Tolman, Robert E. Tolman, Fred B. Tarbox.

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR SCHOOL BOARD.

Received from town treasurer,	\$766 97
“ “ prudential committee, district No. 1,	6 06
“ “ “ “ “ “ 3,	10 60
“ “ “ “ “ “ 2,	1 11
“ for writing books sold,	3 92

Total,	\$788 66
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AMOUNT PAID OUT.

Wages of teachers, including board,	\$187 50
Albert Davis, for carrying scholars,	28 50
Writing books on hand,	3 22
Supplies and repairs,	40 20
Cash in hands of treasurer,	29 24
	\$788 66

Due from the town of Stoddard for schooling three scholars,	\$18 00
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Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. OSGOOD, Treasurer.

I certify that I have examined the above account and find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

SIDNEY A. GREEN, Auditor.

Your School Board in entering upon their duties had many things to contend with that rendered their efforts to do justice to all somewhat trying and arduous. They had an untried law to guide them. which was a puzzle to some of

our best law makers, and to which they were anxious to give a fair and impartial trial, and the duties of both superintending and prudential committees to perform. In the spring they found no opening to try the consolidation plan, as the cost of carrying pupils from out districts to larger and more central ones would be more than the law gave them the right to use, and more in fact than would be saved thereby. Therefore they commenced the spring term with the usual number of scholars. but as opportunities have occurred they have made such changes from time to time as have given every scholar in town an opportunity of receiving at least 20 weeks' instruction in our public schools. We cannot close our report without calling your attention to the habit which some of our schools have fallen into (particularly No. 1 and 2,) of the larger scholars absenting themselves a week or fortnight before the close of the last term of school, which we think is highly injurious to the scholars, besides doing great injustice to the teacher. Take, for instance, school No. 2. Here you had a teacher who labored in season and out of season to promote the interest of the pupils intrusted to her care. She was ambitious to have her register such as would be an honor to her scholars, and an examination that would be a credit to both herself and them. There had been a good attendance up to the last two weeks, when a large part of the best scholars left the school with no other excuse than that they were tired of going so long.

We can see but two ways of remedying this, one is for parents to see that their children attend school to its close, the other for the tax payers to reduce the amount of money appropriated for school purposes. Which shall it be?

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES H. SCOTT.	} School Board of Nelson.
JOHN H. OSGOOD,	
ALBERT DAVIS.	



